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Rebecca Lloyd Anderson House
High Street, Chestertown
c. 1733

411 High Street is a 2-1/2 story, three bay brick house which stands out because of the presence of glazed headed Flemish bond brickwork on the first floor facade and gables. On close examination of the brickwork of the gables, the outlines of a gambrel roof can be traced. The uniform unglazed brickwork of the second story appears to originate between the two first floor windows, suggesting that a major remodeling took place in the late 18th Century.

The chain of title suggests that the original house was constructed for Rebecca Lloyd Anderson, wife of William Anderson, merchant, and daughter of Edward Lloyd of Wye House. The construction occurred some time between when she acquired the lot in 1733 and 1789 when it was sold by her heirs.¹ Possibly Samuel Wallis, merchant and builder of the Wickes House undertook the remodeling after his acquisition in that year.

Its original plan is not easily discernible. The basement is divided nearly in two, each side with a cooking fireplace of its own. The plan above, however, does not line up with that below. The first floor plan is composed of a central stairhall with two flanking rooms. Both the stair and the strapwork mantel in one of the rooms is typical of late 18th century work in and around Chestertown.

Samuel Wallis left all of his real estate to his son, Philip, stipulating that he sell none of it until he was 30 years of age. In 1829 Philip sold the

house to John Turner who sold it the following year to David Arthur.² In the 1841 Tax Assessment, David Arthur is listed as owner and occupant of the building "in tolerable repair." It was appraised for \$800.

David Arthur first sold the part of the lot he had purchased in 1830. He later sold the part with the "brick house" to William Bacchus in 1866.³ Bacchus who had previously bought the Buck-Bacchus Store, possibly moved to this location with his family, leasing the living quarters at the store, as had been done by previous owners.

The Bacchus family continued to own this building until 1959, even after moving to the Smith-Ringgold House next to the bridge.⁴ The house has since been a rental property with the land beyond being used as a parking lot for the funeral establishment next door.

1. Land Records, Lib. 4, fol. 296; Lib. EF, fol. 517.
2. Land Records, Lib. JNG 2, fol. 177; Lib. JNG, fol. 391.
3. Land Records, Lib. JNG 6, fol. 260.
4. Land Records, Lib. WHG 58, fol. 216.

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1733-1749

Chestertown

private

One of the oldest houses in Chestertown, this plain 3-bay Georgian brick messuage may date to the 1730's. The property was purchased in 1733 by Rebecca Lloyd who married an English merchant, William Anderson, soon afterward. It was Anderson who presumably had the house built; he died in 1749 and his widow continued to inhabit the house until her death in the 1780's. The principal architectural feature of the house is its extremely steep roof pitch, close to 70 degrees; it is this ^{in particular} which urges the knowledgeable observer to consider the ~~xxxxx~~ date of construction closer to 1733 than to 1749.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Rebecca Lloyd Anderson Home

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AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

411 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Willis Wells

Telephone #: 778-2772

STREET & NUMBER

415 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: WHG 58

Folio #: 216

STREET & NUMBER

Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

By J.R. MacCrone, Jr.

DATE

1/13/59

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

affixed to deed

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

411 High Street is located on the southwest side of High Street in the middle of the block between Mill and Kent Streets on a part of Town Lot 87 in Chestertown.

It is a 2½-story 3-bay brick Georgian house with a gabled roof and dormers. The facade is symmetrical. The brickwork over all but the second floor of the rear elevation is laid in Flemish Bond; the headers are glazed on the first story of the facade, the rest features a random sampling of glazed headers. The bricks have been submitted to at least two varieties of paint, barn red and whitewash. (The rear second story is laid in a casual common bond.)

There is a low (eight bricks high) water table which is molded. The entrance is in the middle bay and is a 4-paneled door with a 4-pane transom over it. There is a nineteenth century porch built on.

The windows on the facade are all two panes over two and have flat arches of header brick.

The cornice is a box with a cyma recta molding below it. The roof is very steep, possible as much as 70 degrees, and is covered with composition shingles. There are three gabled dormers, each six panes over six. There are chimneys within each gable end; that within the southeast end is new. The roof does not overhang the gable ends.

Both gable ends have two 6/6 attic windows in the gables. There is a frame wing built onto the rear, one bay wide, which extends out from the southeast bay.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1733-1749

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is clearly one of the oldest houses in Chestertown. Both the documentary evidence and its style--particularly the steep roof--suggest that the 1730's are quite possible. Everything about the house is in the very plainest Early Georgian style. All that is known about the house's history is in the title search. (attached)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.164 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of High Street between Kent and Mill Streets, said point being on the extension of the easterly side of a brick building presently constructed on the lands and a ~~corner~~ corner of the lands now or formerly of Robert Moffett; and running thence by and with said Moffett lands South 43 degrees 16 seconds West 134.24 feet to an iron pipe and ~~thence~~ Leo Hicks lands; thence by and with said Hicks lands North 46 degrees 26 seconds West 53.40 feet to an iron pipe and the J.W. Wells lands; thence by and with said JWW lands North 43 degrees 51 seconds East 134.60

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

feet to the southerly side of High Street; thence by and with said High Street South 46 degrees 2 seconds East 52 feet to the place ^{STATE} of beginning. ^{COUNTY}

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Town of Chestertown

DATE

July, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Summary of Title Search on 411 High St.

Simon Wilmer and John Egan to Rebecca C. Lloyd Liber 4 296 (1733) L12
(Lot 87)

Rebecca marries William Anderson, an English merchant, sometime between 1733 and 1749. Presumably the house was built during that period. Anderson dies in 1749 intestate.

James Hindman, trustee for sale of property of
Rebecca Anderson, deceased, to settle suit of
Anderson heirs----to Samuel Wallis EF 7 517 (1789) L 117, 5 shillings current money
(2 lots: #40 and #87) of Maryland

Samuel to Philip Wallis.

Philip Wallis to John Turner JNG 2 177 (1829) \$500
(Lot 87 with a brick dwelling)

John Turner to David Arthur JNG 2 391 (1830)
("All of lot 87 together with a brick dwelling house, 8 perches or 132 feet wide")

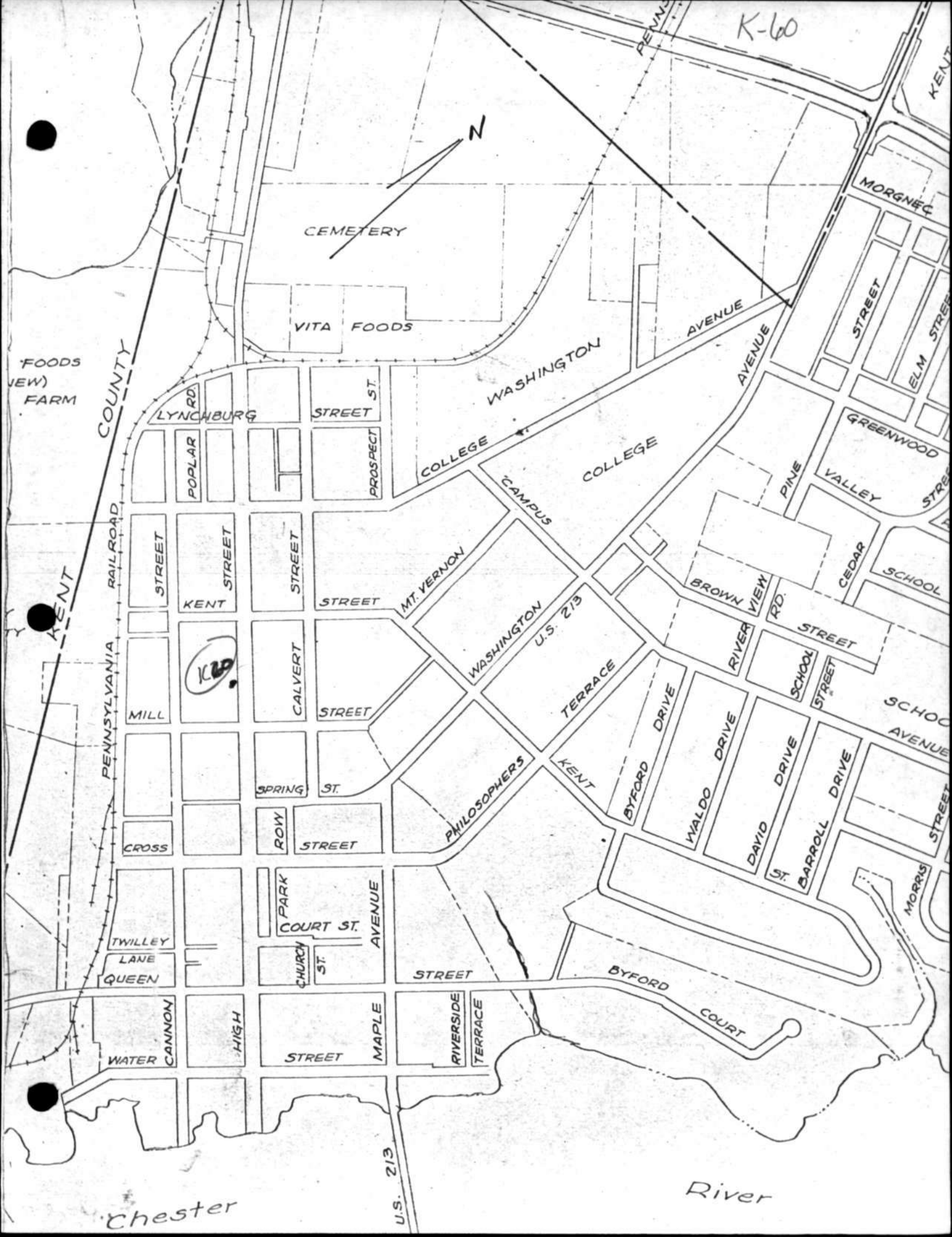
David Arthur to William Bacchus JKH 6 260 (1866) \$2000
(what is left of 87--he has sold off 80 front feet--and "brick house
theron erected")

William Bacchus to Susan Baachus (wife) and Alice (daughter) Wills EC 1 102 (1874)

Susan Bacchus, Alice Bacchus McFeely, and J. Lloyd McFeely to Jefferson D.
Bacchus (son of William) JTD 3 168 (1900) \$2150.

Jefferson Bacchus

James L. Bacchus and wife to Willis Wells WHG 58 216 (1959).



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CEMETERY

VITA FOODS

FOODS
(VIEW)
FARM

KENT COUNTY

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

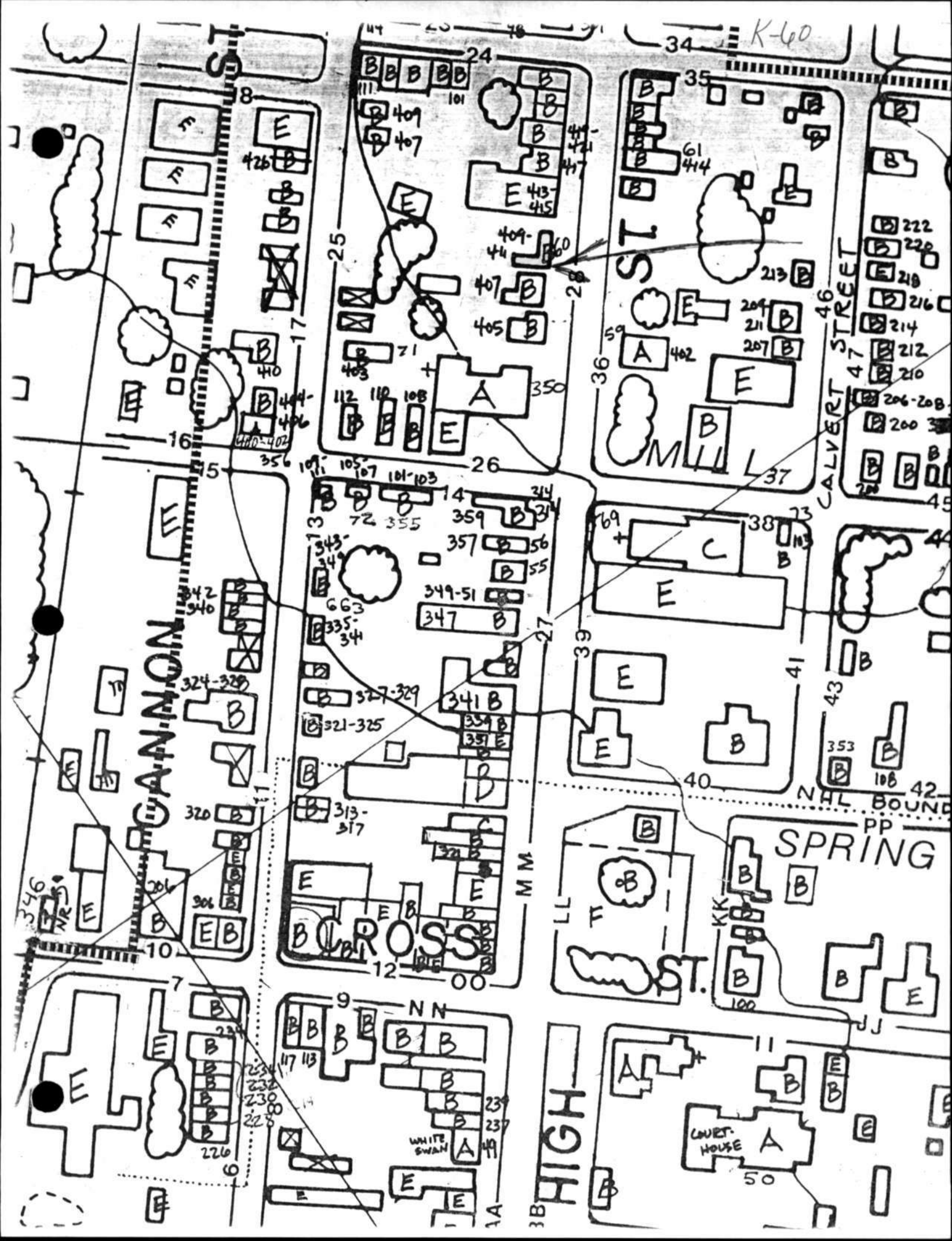
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U.S. 213

Chester

River



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Chestertown
Chestertown Quad.
Kent County





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411 High

1/77 NW



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